

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-23, 25 and 27-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 and 25 are allowable. Claims 24, 26 and 27 are cancelled; claims 27-43 are new. Claims 3-7, 14-18 and 22-23 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter of the invention. The amendments do not introduce any new subject matter within the meaning of U.S.C. §132. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to the specification, page 3, line 4-9 as containing specific reference to the claims. Applicants have amended the specification to recite the claim language.

The Examiner has also objected to the specification, at pages 9-10, because the purpose of the heat-treating step in the leucite producing process is not stated. Applicants have cancelled claim 24, which relates to the leucite producing process.

The Examiner has objected to the terms "preferably" and "in particular" used through out the claims. Applicants have amended the claims to remove these references.

Claims 21, 22 and 24 have been objected to for including numbers comprising improper spacing. Applicants have amended claims 21 and 22 to recite the numbers in proper format and have cancelled claim 24.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the specification and claims to overcome the outstanding rejections. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw these objections to the specification and claims.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

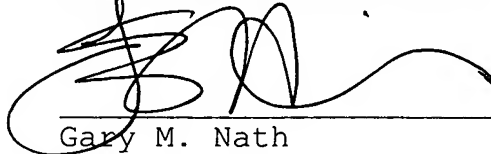
The Examiner has rejected claim 24 as being indefinite. Applicants have cancelled this claim, thereby removing the basis for this rejection. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that in light of the foregoing, the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits allowance of all pending claims by the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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